

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A tennis racket hand positioning device attachable to a handle of a tennis racket comprising:

a ~~saddle-shaped~~ support member having a saddle-shaped obverse surface  
and including an elongated thin V-shaped attaching strip connected  
to and extending in spaced acute angled relation to and along a  
reverse surface of said support member;

said attaching strip sized in width to be similar to that of a ~~top right or top left~~  
bevel of the handle and adapted to be supportively inserted beneath  
a turn of handle grip wrap of the handle and against the ~~top right~~  
bevel;

said obverse surface of said support member adapted to conform in shape  
to, and to provide felt handle orientation indicia against the base of  
the thumb adjacent the palm of the orientation of a head of the  
tennis racket. ~~being positionable along a mid portion of the length of~~  
~~the handle and having the saddle-shaped obverse surface which,~~  
~~when positioned in spaced relationship outwardly from and extending~~  
~~along a portion of the top right or top left bevel, depending upon~~  
~~whether the user is right handed or left handed, fits snugly into, and~~  
~~provides felt handle orientation indicia against the base of the thumb~~

~~adjacent the palm of the user to advise of a preselected reorientation  
of a head of the tennis racket during a backhand stroke of the racket.~~

Claim 2 (currently amended) A tennis racket hand positioning device as set forth in Claim 1, wherein:

said ~~support member~~ attaching strip is angularly reorientable ~~with respect to~~  
by deformation of said attaching strip whereby hand engagement of  
said obverse surface against the base of the thumb is selectable  
thereby.

Claim 3 (original): A tennis racket hand positioning device as set forth in Claim 2,  
wherein:

said support member has a rubberized outer coating for enhanced hand  
engagement thereby.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A tennis racket hand positioning device as set forth in  
Claim 1, further comprising:

a disc-shaped palm support member having a flattened dome-shaped  
obverse surface including an elongated thin attaching strip  
connected to and extending radially from, and generally coplanar  
with a reverse surface of said palm support member;

said attaching strip of said palm support member sized in width to be similar  
to that of a ~~top-right or left~~ bevel of the handle and adapted to be  
supportively inserted beneath a turn of handle grip wrap of the  
handle and against the ~~top-right or left~~ bevel;

said palm support member having a width covering only a portion of a  
user's palm and adapted to be positionable along a mid portion of

the length of the handle with the dome-shaped obverse surface fitting snugly into, and providing support felt and orientation indicia against the palm of the user ~~to advise that a preselected~~ of the reorientation of the handle and a head of the tennis racket ~~has been achieved in preparation for completing a backhand stroke.~~

Claim 5 (currently amended): A tennis racket hand positioning device as set forth in Claim ~~5~~ 1, further comprising:

an elongated body having an A-shaped or triangle-shaped cross section;  
said body having a width similar to and attachable along a distal portion of the length of the handle atop a top bevel of the handle and having one flat side of the A-shaped or triangular-shaped obverse surface which, when positioned against and extending along a portion of the top bevel, provides felt orientation indicia against the base of the thumb of the user to advise of a preselected reorientation of the handle and racket head of the tennis racket during a backhand stroke of the tennis racket.

Claim 6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (currently amended): A tennis racket hand positioning device as set forth in Claim ~~6~~ 5, wherein:

said body is molded of resilient material.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A tennis racket hand positioning device as set forth in Claim ~~6~~ 5, wherein:

one side surface of said body which contacts the base of the user's thumb adjacent the palm is generally coplanar with a top right or left bevel

of the handle, depending upon whether the user is right handed or left handed, respectively.

Claim 9 (original): A tennis racket hand positioning device as set forth in Claim 8, wherein:

one end portion of said reverse surface is contoured to fit in close alignment against, and positioned adjacent to, an enlarged butt of the handle.

Claim 10 (canceled)

Claim 11 (canceled)

Claim 12 (canceled)

Claim 13 (new): A tennis racket hand positioning device attachable to a handle of a tennis racket comprising:

a support member having a saddle-shaped obverse surface including an elongated V-shaped attaching member connected to and extending in spaced relation at an acute angle of said support member;  
said attaching member adapted to be supportively inserted beneath a turn of handle grip wrap and against a bevel of the handle;  
said saddle shaped obverse surface adapted for mating engagement only with a base of the thumb adjacent the palm of the user to provide a felt indicia of handle orientation of a head of the tennis racket.

Claim 14 (new) A tennis racket hand positioning device as set forth in Claim 13, wherein:

said attaching strip is angularly reorientable by deformation of said attaching strip whereby hand engagement of said obverse surface against the base of the thumb is selectable thereby.

Claim 15 (new): A tennis racket hand positioning device as set forth in Claim 13, further comprising:

a disc-shaped palm support member having a flattened dome-shaped obverse surface including an elongated thin attaching strip connected to and extending radially from, and generally coplanar with a reverse surface of said palm support member;

said attaching strip of said palm support member sized in width to be similar to that of a ~~top right or left~~ bevel of the handle and adapted to be supportively inserted beneath a turn of handle grip wrap of the handle and against the ~~top right or left~~ bevel;

said palm support member having a width covering only a portion of a user's palm and adapted to be positionable along a mid portion of the length of the handle with the dome-shaped obverse surface fitting snugly into, and providing support felt and orientation indicia against the palm of the user ~~to advise that a preselected of~~ reorientation of the handle and a head of the tennis racket ~~has been achieved in preparation for completing a backhand stroke.~~

Claim 16 (new): A tennis racket hand positioning device as set forth in Claim 13, further comprising:

an elongated body having an A-shaped or triangle-shaped cross section;  
said body having a width similar to and attachable along a distal portion of the length of the handle atop a top bevel of the handle and having one flat side of the A-shaped or triangular-shaped obverse surface which, when positioned against and extending along a portion of the

top bevel, provides felt orientation indicia against the base of the thumb of the user to advise of a preselected reorientation of the handle and racket head of the tennis racket during a backhand stroke of the tennis racket.

Claim 17 (new): A tennis racket hand positioning device as set forth in Claim 15, further comprising:

an elongated body having an A-shaped or triangle-shaped cross section;  
said body having a width similar to and attachable along a distal portion of the length of the handle atop a top bevel of the handle and having one flat side of the A-shaped or triangular-shaped obverse surface which, when positioned against and extending along a portion of the top bevel, provides felt orientation indicia against the base of the thumb of the user to advise of a preselected reorientation of the handle and racket head of the tennis racket during a backhand stroke of the tennis racket.